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Transmitted herewith is a response to the final office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 18, 2005

No fee should be required for the accompanying response. The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

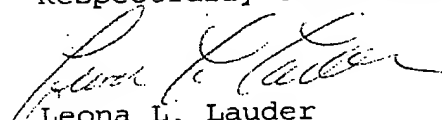
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
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Sir:

This Amendment to the above-identified application is in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on March 18, 2005 and is being made within the two month period from the mailing of the Final Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final be

entered in accordance with 37 CFR § 116(a) and with the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) §§ 714.12 and 714.13.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant Amendment After Final does not raise any new issues and presents the rejected claims "in condition for allowance." [MPEP § 714.12.] Detailed reasoning supporting the absence of any new issues and the allowability of the claims as amended follows below after the Remarks section, which section shows support in the Specification for the claim amendments. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment After Final be entered, and that the claims as amended be allowed.